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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/720,308 Confirmation No. 4719
Applicant : Y. KANEDA et al
Filed : November 25, 2003
Title : A DATA STORAGE APPARATUS HAVING A CONTROL UNIT
PROVIDING A VIRTUAL DISK DRIVE UNIT WHICH PERMITS
A COMPUTER TO RECOGNIZE REMOVABLE STORAGE
MEDIA HANDLING CAPABILITY (As Amended)
TC/AU : 2185
Examiner : A.P. Savla
Docket No. : TMI-5008
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of December 27, 2006,
please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued
Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and
appropriate fees also accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.